



FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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Welcome to Friday Night Facts ! Well, you can tell that everyone has rested up over the summer, based on the number of announcements in this week's Friday Night Facts. We are very pleased that John Rentsch agreed to stay with our office as our Training Manager. John has many special talents, but most of all we are glad that he has a passion for service. In addition, he is very organized, creative, and dedicated. Welcome, John to the OFBCI!

Rx For Indiana is alive and well and still serving Hoosiers all across the state. If you know someone who is struggling to pay for their prescription drugs, suggest that they look into Rx For Indiana. In several Hoosier cities in September, a mobile center will allow anyone to sign up for prescription assistance. See the article below for details.

Finally, organizations throughout Indiana are hosting seminars and workshops that will help communities solve critical issue of concern. We have listed just a few of them this week. We hope that you will look to your own local faith-based and community based organization to provide you the services you need to improve your own life or to help someone else. Take care!

Meet OFBCI's new Training Manager



John Rentsch graduated *Magna Cum Laude* from Wabash College with a BA in Religious Studies in 2005. Upon graduating, he entered the AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) Program, taking the position of Faith-Based Program Assistant with OFBCI. After successful completion of one year of national service, John joined our staff as Training Manager on July 31st. John lives on the south side of Indianapolis with his new wife, Melanie. Congratulations!



GET ON BOARD WITH Rx FOR INDIANA

Rx For Indiana, launched by Governor Daniels last year, is part of a national effort to insure that people who need assistance paying for their prescription drugs receive help. Rx For Indiana has helped over 143,000 people receive discounted prescription drugs. The 'Help is Here Express' is making stops in Hoosier cities, from August 25th through September 1st, to offer help to anyone who is having trouble affording their prescription medicine. Those cities include: Bloomington, Brazil, Crawfordsville, Kokomo, Lafayette, Logansport, Muncie, New Castle, Noblesville and Terre Haute. For specific dates, times and locations, please call 1-800-793-0765 or log go to www.rxforindiana.org



Grant Opportunity YouthRisingGrant Program



The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Youth Service America are offering grants of up to \$2,000 to support projects that engage high-risk and gang-involved youth in volunteer service. The goal of this initiative is to design and implement appropriate and creative service projects that engage such youth in service and develop their capacity for leadership and civic engagement. Projects should be youth-led. Faith- and community-based groups that have prior experience and documented success working directly with high-risk and/or gang-involved youth ages 12-25 are eligible to apply. The application deadline is 5:00 p.m., E.T., **October 12, 2006**. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** about this funding opportunity, visit http://www.ysa.org/awards/award_grant.cfm#nowavailable under "Youth Rising Grant".

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES WITH LIMITED INCOMES

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Most Medicare beneficiaries who did not enroll in a Medicare drug plan by the May 15, 2006, deadline will need to wait until the next annual enrollment period (November 15 - December 31, 2006). However, if you are eligible for the extra help available under the Medicare Prescription Drug Program, you can join a Medicare drug plan at any time during 2006 without paying a penalty.

The extra help can pay for all or part of the monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. The extra help could be worth an average of \$3,700 per year. You may qualify for assistance if your income is below \$14,700 a year as a single person or below \$19,800 a year if you're married and living with your spouse. Your total resources must be less than \$10,000 if you are single or \$20,000 if you are married and living with your spouse. Resources include bank accounts, as well as stocks and bonds, but do not include your house and car. Your resources can be slightly higher (an additional \$1,500 per person) if you plan to use some of your money for burial expenses. Also, if you first become eligible for Medicare in February 2006 or after, you have a seven-month initial enrollment period in which to enroll in a drug plan for the first time — the month you become eligible for Medicare, three months before and three months after.

If you think that you might qualify for the extra help, you can complete an online application at www.socialsecurity.gov or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and a representative will assist you in filing an application over the phone. Members of the Medicare Rx Access Network of Indiana, including Indiana's Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) at 800-452-4800 can answer questions and provide additional information about the prescription drug benefit. You can also contact Medicare directly at www.medicare.gov or 1-800-MEDICARE.

Statewide Annual Conference — Right to Live Without Violence: Latinos Speak Out

Latinos Speak Out is a one day event dedicated to raising awareness and searching for solutions to incidents of domestic violence and sexual assault among Latino communities in Indiana. As our Latino population continues to grow, it is important to engage the civic infrastructure within the Latino community and confront these issues. The Latino Coalition believes this can be accomplished by harnessing their cultural strengths and resources, developing individual leadership, and providing forums for learning, sharing, and fellowship. The conference is being presented by the Latino Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, and the collaboration of many other organizations and sponsors. This event will be held on **September 7, 2006 from 8 AM to 5 PM** at the Radisson Hotel, 31 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis.

Early bird registration fee, before 8/23/06, is \$65. After that, the registration is \$75. Registration fees include continental breakfast, lunch, networking reception and all materials. Please go to www.sinviolenciaindiana.org or call 317-275-9305 ext. 251 for more information.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Raising Resources for Faith-Based Youth Serving Organizations

Designed especially for grassroots faith-based organizations, this session will offer tips on how to raise resources for your work with youth, including in-kind services, donated goods and products, volunteers, and money. We'll discuss the unique challenges that faith-based organizations face when seeking support, and we'll talk about how to decide whether your organizations should apply for public funding. Participants will receive helpful, ready-to-use tools, scripts, and templates to take home. This session is intended for those new to fundraising.

Instruction by: Karen Woods, Director, Effective Compassion Initiatives, Acton Institute and Programming and Development Empowerment Resource Network. **Cost:** \$20, includes lunch. **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. **CEUs:** 4.75 hours by NASW & IAPP

South Bend: September 5, College Football Hall of Fame, 111 S. St. Joseph St.
Fort Wayne: September 6, League for the Blind & Disabled, 5821 S. Anthony Blvd.
Syracuse: September 7, The Oakwood Academy, 111 Conklin Hill
Merrillville: September 8, The Radisson at Star Plaza, 800 E. 81st
Muncie: September 11, Cornerstone Center for the Arts, 520 E. Main St.
New Albany: September 12, Indiana University Southeast, 4201 Grant Line Rd.
Indianapolis: September 13, Holiday Inn Select, 2501 S. High School Rd.
Terre Haute: September 14, Holiday Inn, 3300 US 41
Evansville: September 15, Evansville Association for the Blind, 500 2nd Ave.

Fundraising for Small Non-Profits

The Fundraising School at IUPUI helps thousands of fundraising professionals per year, around the world, achieve new levels of success. At the School, they teach the historical and philanthropic context, the current issues, and the art and science of fundraising and philanthropy. You gain the knowledge needed to build your organization's resources with confidence and success in an ever-changing society. The Fund Raising School is the only international fundraising education program housed within a university. They combine cutting-edge practice with scientific research in developing their curriculum. This is an excellent fundraising overview course designed for nonprofits with budgets of \$1 million or less.

You'll learn how to:

- Build a convincing case for financial support
 - Select the donors and markets best suited to your nonprofit
 - Choose the right fundraising vehicles for your organization
 - Inspire the leadership potential of volunteers
 - Create a fundraising process that works, but is attainable with limited resources
- Participants will receive a comprehensive, easy-to-use study guide with models for future reference

Instruction by: Faculty Members from The Fund Raising School at The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. **Cost:** \$50, includes breakfast. **Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. **CEU's:** 12 Hours by NASW & IAPP

West Lafayette: Oct. 2 & 3, The Hilton Garden Inn, 356 E. State St.
Indianapolis: Oct. 4 & 5, Marten House Hotel and Lilly Conference Center, 1801 W. 86th St.
South Bend: Oct. 9 & 10, College Football Hall of Fame, 111 S. St. Joseph St.
Evansville: Oct. 12 & 13, Evansville Association for the Blind, 500 2nd Ave.
Fort Wayne: Oct. 16 & 17, League for the Blind & Disabled, 5821 S. Anthony Blvd.
Bloomington: Oct. 18 & 19, Bloomington Convention Center, 302 S. College Ave.
Salem: Oct. 25 & 26, Community Learning Center of Washington County, 1707 N. Shelby St.

For more information or to register for any of these events, please call 1-800-343-7060 or go to http://www.iyi.org/trainings_conferences/trainings_main.asp